

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. I am sending this form letter, with just a few minor changes, but it does reflect my opinions. Therefore, may I add my voice to those urging that you, in your new leadership role, support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan ensure that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses. I rarely use long distance services and am alarmed at the taxes and fees imposed on telephone use for small-use consumers such as I.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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